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Arché Philosophical Research Centre
University of St. Andrews
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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Semantics and Pragmatics, Mathematical and Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of AI

Academic Employment

University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK
Lecturer (equivalent of tenure-track assistant professor) June 2022 -

Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia
Research Fellow (Level B) August 2017 - May 2022

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT
PhD in Philosophy Dec. 2017

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
MA in Philosophy May 2010

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
BA with honors in Philosophy May 2008

Publications

1. "A Theory of Manipulative Speech"
   -*The Monist*, Vol. 109, No. 1
   -special issue on the Philosophy of George Orwell
2. "Manipulative Underspecification"
   -*Philosophical Review*, Vol. 134, No. 3, 2025
3. "Multidimensional Adjectives"
   -with Brian Hedden, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 102, No. 2, 2024
4. "Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
   -with Daniel Stoljar, *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 180, No. 12, 2023
5. "Imagination, Fiction, and Perspectival Displacement"
   -with Daniel Stoljar, *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Vol. 3, 2023
6. "Prior's Puzzle Generalized"
   -*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
   Vol. 106, Issue 1, Jan. 2023

7. "Vendler's Puzzle about Imagination"
   -with Daniel Stoljar, *Synthese*, Vol. 199, 2021, pp. 12923-12944
8. "Two Notions of Resemblance and the Semantics of 'What it's Like"'
   -with Daniel Stoljar, *Inquiry*, Published online 15 June 2022
9. "Ramsification and the Ramifications of Prior's Puzzle"
   -*Noûs*, Vol 55 (4), December 2021, pp. 935-961
10. "The Many-Property Problem is Your Problem, Too"
    -*Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 178, pp. 811-832, 2021
11. "An Empirical Solution to the Puzzle of Macbeth's Dagger"
    -*Erkenntnis* Vol. 87, pp. 1377-1414, 2022
12. "A New Perceptual Adverbialism"
    -*The Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 116 (8), pp. 413-446, September 2019
13. "Semantic Verbs are Intensional Transitives"
    -*Mind*, Vol. 128 (509), pp. 213-248, January 2019

Edited Volumes

The Semantics of Imagination, special Issue of *Topoi*, vol. 43, 2024
with Kristina Liefke

Book Reviews

Review of *The Politics of Language*, by David Beaver and Jason Stanley, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2024, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, August 2026

In progress - (drafts available upon request)

"Whorfianism about Conscious Thought"

"Clouds and Credences: A Probabilistic Approach to Underspecification"

"The Meaning of 'Means'"

"Conversational Trust"

"The Indeterminacy of Consciousness"
-with Daniel Stoljar

"Inner Speech: An Attentional View"
-with Daniel Stoljar

"Imagining What Things are Like and the Paradox of Fiction"
-with Daniel Stoljar

Talks

"Whorfianism about Conscious Thought'"
Oxford Philosophy of Mind Seminar — October 30th, 2026

"Conversational Trust'"
Formal Approaches to Meaning and Rationality, NYU — October 11, 2026

"Inner Speech: An Attentional View'"
Salzburg Workshop on Inner Speech — May 23rd, 2026

"Conversational Trust'"
Lies, Fiction, and Manipulation in Propaganda, BIAP-LOGOS Feb. 12th, 2026

"Clouds and Credences: A probabilistic approach to underspecification"
University of Tübingen, CRC on Common Ground Jan. 29th, 2026

"The Meaning of 'Means'"
OASIS 5 Conference, University of Edinburgh Dec. 3rd, 2025

"The Meaning of 'Means'"
Arché Metaphysics and Logic Seminar Nov. 26th, 2025

"The Meaning of 'Means'"
University of Glasgow Oct. 14th, 2025

"Clouds and Credences: A probabilistic approach to underspecification"
Open Texture Workshop, Uni Bielefeld Sept. 19th, 2025

"The Meaning of 'Means'"
NOTA 2 Conference, University of Southampton Sept. 11th, 2025

"Perceptual Particularity and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
APA Eastern Symposium on perceptual particularity Jan 10th, 2025

"Communicative Uncertainty and Best-Guess Updating"
University of Toronto Feb. 9th, 2024

"Natural Language Without Ontological Commitments"
Arché Neutrality and Neutralism Workshop November 30th, 2023

"Manipulative Underspecification"
Bochum Language Colloquium October 19th, 2023

"Communicative Uncertainty and Best-Guess Updating"
University of Bochum Colloquium October 18th, 2023

"Manipulative Underspecification"
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne, Australia July 4th, 2023

"The Indeterminacy of Consciousness"
Multidimensionality Workshop, ANU June 16th, 2023

"The Indeterminacy of Consciousness"
The Science of Consciousness Conference, Taormina, Sicily May 24th, 2023

"Imagining what things are like and the paradox of fiction"
London Aesthetics Forum Mar. 23, 2023

"Imagining what things are like and the paradox of fiction"
Scottish Aesthetics Forum Feb. 12, 2023

"Manipulative Underspecification"
Edinburgh Meaning Sciences Group November 7th, 2022

"The Indeterminacy of Consciousness"
Arché L&M Seminar, University of St. Andrews October 25th, 2022

"Manipulative Underspecification"
University of Stirling Departmental Colloquium October 20th, 2022

"Imagining what things are like and the paradox of fiction"
Workshop on the Semantics of Imagination - ESSLLI 2022 August 19th, 2022

"On Multidimensional Adjectives"

Australian Catholic University — October 20th, 2021

"Perspective in Imagination"
Bochum Language Colloquium — May 19th, 2021

"A Theory of Manipulative Speech"
ANU Center of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language — April 9th, 2021

"On Manipulative Underspecification"
University of Cambridge — February 17th, 2021

"On Manipulative Underspecification"
University of St. Andrews — February 15th, 2021

"Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
Oxford Mind Visiting Speakers Seminar — February 5th, 2021

"A Theory of Manipulative Speech"
Lund University — May 28th, 2020

"A Theory of Manipulative Speech"
Stockholm University Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy — (Postponed)

"Adverbialism, Incorporated"
Adverbialism Workshop, King's College London — Apr. 8th, 2020

"Ramsification and the Ramifications of Prior's Puzzle"
Australian National University — Feb. 21, 2020

"Credal Functionalism"
Lewis: Representation in Mind and Language, Leeds, England — (Postponed)

"Orwellian Communication"
University of Sydney Colloquium, Sydney, NSW — Oct. 23rd, 2019

"Prior's Puzzle Generalized"
University of Melbourne Logic Group, Melbourne, Victoria — Oct. 11th, 2019

"'Something' as an Answer Quantifier"
2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
Wollongong, NSW — July 12th, 2019

"Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
UC Davis Department Colloquium, Davis, CA — May 10th, 2019

"Depictive Verbs and the Nature of Perception"
Stanford Varieties of Agency Workshop, Stanford, CA — May 1st, 2019

"The Intensionality of Perception"
2018 AAP/NZAP Conference, Wellington, NZ — July 11th, 2018

"An Empirical Solution to the Puzzle of Macbeth's Dagger"
Wellington Empirical Philosophy Workshop — July 6th, 2018

"Depictive Verbs and the Nature of Perception"
ANU Workshop on Non-Propositional Intentionality — July 3rd, 2018

"A New Perceptual Adverbialism"
MIT Mind and Metaphysics Reading Group — Dec. 17th, 2017

"A New Perceptual Adverbialism"
University of Pennsylvania, MIRA-Open — Dec. 14th, 2017

"Intensionality, Decomposition, and Modification"

Yale University, ELLMM City — Dec. 12th, 2017

"Hallucination and the New Problem of Empty Names"
ANU Thursday Seminar — Oct. 5th, 2017

"Semantic Verbs are Intensional Transitives"
Society for Exact Philosophy — May 5th, 2017

"Hallucination and the New Problem of Empty Names"
Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference — Nov. 15th, 2015

"Leibniz on Compossibility, Relations, and Truth"
Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale — Nov. 2nd, 2015

"Reference as an Objectual Attitude"
Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference — Apr. 12th, 2014

"Reference as an Objectual Attitude"
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop — Feb. 18th, 2014

"Is 'Refers' an Intensional Transitive Verb?"
2013 Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference — Nov. 2-3, 2013

Comments

Comments on David Thorstad's "The Permissivist Triangle"
Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference — April 8th, 2017

Comments on Zhengzi Chen's
"Reconsidering the Argument from Perceptual Variation"
Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference — March 6th, 2016

Comments on Paul Franks'
"Logic and the Critique of Metaphysics: Kant on the Determinacy of Concepts and the Space of Reasons"
Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference — April 26th, 2015

Awards

Mellon Graduate Humanities Fellowship, Yale University — 2014-2015
- Year-long concentration for interdisciplinary work in the humanities.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School Fellowship — 2009-2010
- Competitive award of tuition remission and monetary stipend for full academic year

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor's Graduate Student Award — 2008-09

Northwestern University Departmental Honors for GPA (3.9) and Honors Thesis — 2008

Teaching

Meaning and Knowing
University of St. Andrews — Spring 2026

The Philosophy of Saul Kripke
University of St. Andrews — Spring 2026

Mind and World (with Simon Prosser and Alice Murphy)
University of St. Andrews — Fall 2025

The Philosophy of David Lewis

MLitt Seminar, University of St. Andrews — Fall 2025

The Philosophy of David Lewis
MLitt Seminar, University of St. Andrews — Spring 2023

The Ethics of Conversation (with Justin Snedegar)
University of St. Andrews — Fall 2023

The Philosophy of Saul Kripke
University of St. Andrews — Fall 2023

Contemporary Philosophy of Language
University of St. Andrews — Spring 2022

Philosophy of Mind (with Simon Prosser)
University of St. Andrews — Spring 2022

Meaning and Knowing (with Jade Fletcher and Patrick Greenough)
University of St. Andrews — Spring 2022

Reading Philosophy
University of St. Andrews — Fall 2022

Pragmatics and Manipulative Speech
Australian National University — Spring 2022

Critical Thinking, tutor for Prof. Colin Klein
Australian National University — Fall 2020

Philosophy of Mind
Australian National University — Fall 2018

Social Categorization and Social Inference, (with Renée Jorgensen Bolinger)
Australian National University — Spring 2018

Intentionality, (with Zoltán Gendler Szabó)
Yale University — Spring 2016

Teaching Fellow: *Mathematical Logic*, Prof. Sun-Joo Shin
Yale University — Fall 2015

Teaching Fellow: *Infinity*, Prof. Bruno Whittle
Yale University — Spring 2014

Teaching Fellow: *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Professor Paul Franks
Yale University — Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant: *Mathematical Logic*
Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth — Summer 2010

Instructor: *Introduction to Logic*
Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth — Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant: *Elementary Logic*, Professor Richard Tierney

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee — Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant: *Elementary Logic*, Professor Michael Liston
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee — Fall 2008

Supervision

Honours: Ziliang Ma (ANU), Benedict North (St Andrews), Alastair Bowyer (St Andrews), Femi Fadare (St Andrews). Masters: Raphael Morris (ANU), Blair Barnett-Johnston (St Andrews), Tongyuan Lin (St Andrews)

Academic Service

Editorial board, *Semantics and Pragmatics* — 2026-

St Andrews Department of Philosophy EDI representative — 2025-2026

Faculty Head of the Arché Mind and Language Stream — 2022-2026

St. Andrews Honors Advisor and Study Abroad Coordinator — 2022-2024

St. Andrews Representative to the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities (SGSAH) — 2022-2024

Convenor of the ANU Thursday Seminar — 2019

Referee for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Mind*, *Mind and Language*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*

Founder and Organizer of ELLMM City: A Group in Epistemology, Language, Logic, Metaphysics, and Mind at Yale.

Organizer: Semantics Reading Group, Yale University — Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Languages

Spanish (advanced), French (intermediate), German (reading ability)

References

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